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Proposals of the Special Settlement Officer regarding kistbandi and the enhancement of ground-rents in Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 117 Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, as stated in paragraphs 54 and 55 of the Scheme Report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts, the Special Settlement Officer has since submitted his proposals regarding kistbandi and the enhancement of ground-rents ; and

(*b*) if so, whether copies of those proposals would be placed on the table of the House ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) *Kistbandi.*—Prior to the scheme report, the Special Settlement Officer had submitted proposals regarding the kistbandi for Razole taluk. Orders were passed on them in G.O. No. 1728, dated 8th October 1926, which was placed on the Editors' Table. Regarding the other taluks, the Special Settlement Officer did not propose any change and none has been made.

Ground-rent.—The Special Settlement Officer's proposals have not yet been received.

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" May I know whether the Government propose to publish the proposals of the Settlement Officer with regard to ground-rents, when they are received ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

III

DURATION OF THE PRESENT SITTING OF THE COUNCIL.

* Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Before we proceed to the next item on the agenda, I may say that some Members on this side are anxious to know how long this sitting will last, and whether there is going to be any meeting on Friday, which I understand is a public holiday. I ask because we have not made considerable progress so far in view of the large number of items on the agenda not yet reached."

*The hon. the President :—" Will the Government make a statement ? "

* The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" If we finish the business on which we are engaged at present, we need not prolong the sitting. If not, we should go on either on Friday or on Saturday."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Do they want to continue the sitting till all the business is finished, or will it not suffice for the Government if the Simon Committee motion is disposed of ? Can they not postpone the other items of business to the next meeting."

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think the Government will be able to answer that point."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir, as soon as we see how the matters stand at the end of this day."

IV

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *IN RE* THE CARNATIC PAPER MILLS, LIMITED, RAJAHMUNDRY.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT called upon Mr. J. A. Saldanha to make his motion on the question of Mettur, and Mr. J. A. Saldanha said :—" I am not going to move that, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" I move for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the question of recent negotiations for sale of the interest that the Government have acquired in the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited, Rajahmundry."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I wish to know what the Government have 12 noon.
to say on the point of urgency and on the point whether the motion relates to a matter of recent occurrence."

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I am afraid, Sir, that the question is not so urgent as the hon. Member seems to think. I assure him that I shall have the matter discussed with him this afternoon and I am confident that I shall convince him that an adjournment of the business of the House is not necessary. I have no objection to have the matter discussed in the House ; but I do not think that the hon. Member will press it after he has discussed the matter with me."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" We may arrange to have the motion taken up to-morrow. If I am in the meanwhile satisfied with the explanation of the Minister, I shall not press it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" No such arrangement is possible. Has the hon. Minister any objection regarding the urgency and the recency of occurrence of the matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I have no objection ; only I request that this matter may be taken up for discussion day after to-morrow."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It cannot be done under the Standing Orders. I hold that the motion is in order. Does any member of the House object ? (After a pause.) No objection having been raised, I fix to-morrow 2-30 p.m. as the time when this matter will be taken up for discussion."

V

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The SECRETARY laid [a] on the table copies of the Press Communiqué dated 31st August 1928, containing a brief statement of the facts of the South Indian Railway strike and the attitude of the Government in relation thereto.

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a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 224–226 infra.